Constructivist Media Decoding (CMD)

**PLAN A CMD**

This kit gives you the resources and steps you need to begin integrating Constructivist Media Decoding into your work with students.

**WHAT IS CMD?**

Constructivist Media Decoding (CMD) is an inquiry-based teaching method where ALL students actively develop habits of questioning through hallmark activities.

**WHY CMD?**

- Student-centered curriculum-driven
- Teaches core subject-area standards
- Develops habits of critical thinking
- Builds student agency
- Engages all students

**HOW TO GET STARTED?**

1. Brainstorm upcoming CMD opportunities
2. Plan a lesson (WHY and HOW?)
3. Select a lesson and explore how to lead it
4. Teach your media decoding lesson
5. Reflect on your lesson

**WHAT I S I N T H I S K I T ?**

- **Constructivist Media Decoding - Why and How?** (2 min.)
- **The Impact of CMD - Student Voices** (1 min.)
- **Brainstorm CMD lesson opportunities by CMD** (2 min.)
- **Watch a Short CMD Demonstration Video**
- **Plan Your Lesson**
- **Teach Your Media Decoding Lesson!**
- **Reflect: What was successful? What was challenging?**

**STEPS:**

1. **Brainstorming CMD opportunities**
   - Prepare a brainstorming session and identify potential CMD opportunities.
2. **Plan Your Lesson**
   - Define your objectives.
   - Identify what questions students can ask to meet your lesson objectives.
   - Develop open-ended questions to guide the learning.
   - Plan follow-up activities to deepen student thinking.
3. **Teach Your Media Decoding Lesson!**
   - Follow the lesson plan you created.
4. **Reflect**
   - Consider what worked and what didn’t.
   - Analyze student engagement and understanding.

**WATCH:**

- **The Physics of Star Wars: Can the Millennium Falcon Make Light Speed?**
- **Football & Concussion: NFL vs. Scientific Research**
- **Food Waste: What’s the Problem?**
- **Constructivist Media Decoding - Why and How?**
- **The Impact of CMD - Student Voices**
- **Brainstorm CMD lesson opportunities by CMD**
- **Watch a Short CMD Demonstration Video**

**PROJECT LOOK SHARP**

1. **Select a Lesson**
   - Search Project Look Sharp’s website, e.g., Science 6-12.
   - To narrow your search, add a keyword or filter by subject, media type, duration, etc.
2. **Plan Your Lesson**
   - Identify your lesson objectives.
   - Develop open-ended questions to guide learning.
   - Plan follow-up activities to deepen student thinking.
3. **Teach Your Media Decoding Lesson!**
   - Follow the lesson plan you created.
4. **Reflect**
   - Consider what worked and what didn’t.
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**MORE CMD LESSONS AT**

- **Find more CMD lessons at**
  - Project Look Sharp
  - Constructivist Media Decoding
  - Ithaca College
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**ALL STUDENTS ACTIVELY DEVELOP HABITS OF QUESTIONING THROUGH HALLMARK ACTIVITIES.**